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RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION RE APPEAL DATED OCTOBER 29, 2009

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Sir:

This paper responds to the Office communication dated October 29, 2009, re "Appeal".

The communication states that the Appeal Brief filed April 20, 2009, is defective because the Evidence Appendix includes two references that were introduced with the amendment filed January P(\11-09\cdy-048-pto-resp-comm-re-appeal.wpd

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21, 2009, but which were not properly cited. The communication requires the filing of a new paper properly citing the references.

Attached to this response is Form PTO/SB/08 which lists the two references identified in the Evidence Appendix of the Appeal Brief filed April 20, 2009, and which were introduced with the amendment filed January 21, 2009.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial and date the attached Form PTO/SB/08 to show that the references have been considered and to then return the application/appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for docketing.

Respectfully submitted,

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